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GEN. GRANT has refused to accept a pension, but has any one tried Ward? Ward would be an efficient aid to the Democrats in relieving the over-burdened treasury.

A NUMBER of Congressmen are said to be moving to secure legislation at the present session for the relief of whisky dealers. Whisky has been going down very fast since election.

ONE element which went to make up the complexity of the New York Senatorial contest is removed. Hon. Chauncey M. Depew has written a letter declining the offer of Senatorial honors.

THE Mahdi who died last week and is alive again, and who lost 3,000 men in finding out whether he was a Moses or a Pharaoh, furnishes so much news that the Philadelphia Record calls him the Abe Buzzard of the Oriental world.

THERE promises to be some lively skirmishing in the United States Senate over the treaty with Spain. It takes a two-thirds majority to ratify a treaty, and the opinion prevails that that number cannot be secured. The sugar and tobacco producing States will contest it to the bitter end.

THERE is talk of making Mr. Arthur the Republican candidate for Governor of New York next year if he doesn't get the Senatorship. The Presidency should school a man well for a Governorship, and the Governorship of such a State as New York would not detract from any man's dignity. Perhaps after a term as Governor of New York Mr. Arthur would be thought to be just the man for the Presidency in 1888.

JUST why Thomas Bayard tried to steal up to Albany in cog, to see Governor Cleveland is not easily explained. Such movements encourage suspicions of some sort of conspiracy, and are beneath Mr. Bayard's proper dignity. No doubt a confidential interchange of opinion might prove valuable to the President-elect, but the secrecy of the visit was worse than needless. Now that Mr. Bayard's sly maneuvers have been found out, those whom he feared to offend by letting his visit be known will be the more offended; neither will the Governor make friendships by inviting midnight visitors. Like Caesar, Americans prefer men who sleep o' nights.

THE Independent Republicans who opposed Mr. Blaine on moral grounds seem to be in a sad dilemma. They are to be known in history as "mugwumps," a term which conveys a significant meaning but is hard to define. They persist in calling themselves Republicans, indeed they modestly assume to be the representatives of the only true Republicanism. There is no place for them in the Democratic party save away down at the tail end of the procession. The Republican clubs are giving them, as the boys express it, "the grand bounce." The only analogy that can be found for their position is in that of the Independents during the war, otherwise the guerillas, a band preying on both sides and distrusted by both, and thus ends the Independent movement.

"Hans Breitman gave a party,  
Vere lah dot burry now?"

It looks to a man up a tree as if President Arthur is likely to find himself in an embarrassing situation before long. Gen. Grant has refused a pension, but it is not probable he will refuse to be put on the retired list with the rank and full pay of General of the Army. The bill to retire him passed the Senate last May and will now be pressed to passage in the House. It will be remembered that the President vetoed the FitzJohn Porter bill and the Averill bill on the ground that they created new offices on the condition that particular persons should fill them, and were, therefore, as he thought, unconstitutional. As they were almost identical with the Grant bill, it is hard to see how he can consistently sign this. But the President would like to be New York's next Senator, and to veto the Grant bill would be to spoil his chances in this direction. Mr. Arthur has made an excellent President, better perhaps than even his friends hoped, but just how he can escape embarrassment in this matter doesn't appear.

MR. CHALMERS AND HIS BILL.

The Democrats greeted Mr. Chalmers with derisive laughter the other day when he introduced a bill in Congress "to restore the Republican form of Government to the State of Mississippi," and making it a crime, punishable by fine and imprisonment, for any person to assault, intimidate, threaten or assault any inspector or clerk. While Mr. Chalmers may have intended to be a little sarcastic, there is too much necessity for the passage of such a bill to justify the mirth which the Dem-

ocrats manifested. Whether they were amused because Mr. Chalmers had not yet become so used to the frauds committed in the South as to have his sensibilities blunted to them, or because the idea of an honest election in Mississippi seemed so ridiculous that their mirth could not be restrained, the reports fail to inform us, but Mr. Chalmers has become disgusted with the shot-gun policy of the South, and prefers to be beaten rather than to obtain political preferment by such methods. It is in such men as Mr. Chalmers that the hope of the new South lies and to whom Republicans and loyal Democrats alike should pin their faith.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

Boston Post: Those who think Cleveland will prove a weak executive will cut their wisdom teeth before 1888.

Detroit Times: The Republican party never appeared to better advantage than it does now in the hour of defeat.

Philadelphia Times: The same old Freedom that shrieked when Kosciuszko fell now shrieks with laughter when she reads Tennyson's poem.

Philadelphia Record: General Grant has declined to accept a pension from the Government under any circumstances. The proposition was a graceful one; the declination is manly.

Fall River (Mass.) News: President Cleveland came all the way from Albany to attend the performance in aid of the Actors' Fund in New York, Thursday, and at the close expressed great admiration of Miss Terry. It has always been a mystery why he don't marry one of the women for whom he professes so much admiration.

New York Graphic: The Mormons have no more right to break the law than have other citizens. The question as to whether polygamy is right or wrong does not necessarily arise. The law that is proper for others is proper for them, and they must submit to it or be punished as other law-breakers are. The civil authority has failed and the sword must vindicate it. There is no other way.

### A REMARKABLE WAR RELIC.

Hair Growing on a Bullet That Passed Through a Man's Brain—A Very Curious Relic.

[Philadelphia Special.]

That hair grows upon the human body after death has been a theory held by many prominent physicians, but discredited by the profession generally. Experts who follow the melancholy pursuit of laying out and dressing the dead hold in some contempt this professional opinion, and declare that cases of hair growth after death are frequent, and often so palpable that even a novice would not fail to detect them.

A very curious relic in the possession of a Pottsville bookkeeper, a veteran of the late war, was examined by several Philadelphia doctors recently, and appears to furnish conclusive proof that death does not put an end to the growth of hair upon portions of the human body, even after the lapse of many years. Henry Matthews was a good soldier during the war, and was at the front in some of the hottest engagements in that great struggle. As a member of Company H. of the Forty-Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, he was in the fight at Cold Harbor. On May 26th, 1864, he was struck down by a bullet, which entered the back part of the head. The ball passed through a portion of the brain, and was taken out above the forehead. The operation was performed by Dr. W. R. D. Blackwood, then Surgeon-General of the Division, who now lives at No. 246 North Twentieth street, in this city. During the progress of the operation a mass of the brain, weighing about an ounce and a half, and as large as an egg, escaped. The bullet, and which some of the brain matter and a portion of the scalp adhered, was preserved and, upon his departure from the hospital, was given to the wounded man, who, to the astonishment of the surgeon, recovered. He has suffered no mental inconvenience, and now occupies a responsible clerical position in the Reading Railroad office at Pottsville. When the bullet was presented to him twenty years ago at the hospital door the brain matter and the little patch of scalp had dried up, but a few short hairs could be seen sticking out from the latter. The bullet had been considerably flattened, and somewhat resembled in shape a miniature clam-shell.

As time elapsed Mr. Matthews, who greatly prized the relic, noticed an astonishing fact. The hairs, which at first were scarcely prominent enough to be noticed, were growing. Other hairs grew out also, until a thick black bunch appeared at the back end of the bullet. At first his friends refused to credit the story, although he showed the precious relic in proof. Once or twice he cut off the ends of the growing hair. It continued to grow. About a year ago Mr. Matthews came to Philadelphia and sought out Dr. Blackwood, to whom he exhibited the bullet with the bunch of apparently healthy hair. The surgeon, in presence of professional witnesses, cut off an inch of the hair, measured that which remained, boxed and sealed up the bullet, and placed it in trusty hands for safe-keeping. Recently the package was opened. A careful measurement showed that the hair had grown over an inch since the ball had been last seen, and Dr. Blackwood said yesterday: "The fact is beyond dispute. Apparently without nutrition, upon the dried-up particle of scalp and brain, this hair had been and is now growing as surely, if not so luxuriantly, as it grew upon Matthews' head when he was shot. I recollect the wound, the operation, and the presentation of the relic to the injured man after his remarkable recovery. It seems to me to settle beyond doubt that hair can and does grow upon dead bodies. The fact has steadily been denied by medical journals and medical men generally, but the man who has charge of the medical college 'subjects,' those mysterious fellows who have every opportunity to know, nearly all declare that they continually witness the proof of it."

That hair can be transplanted and will contract organic adhesion is a recognized fact, and the "American Cyclopaedia" says: "Hairs will grow after death and live for centuries." But no such remarkable instances as the hair growing on Mr. Matthews' bullet is on record.

There seems to be a very little vein of humor in President Cleveland with all his gravity and seriousness. You see the first Democratic President I ever saw," remarked a visitor to the President-elect. "I'm the first I ever saw myself," was the smiling reply.

### A BUFFALO HUNT.

A Great Herd Chased Hundreds of Miles and Thousands of Animals Killed.

[Montana Cor. N. Y. Sun.]

People living near Glendive, Montana, were surprised the other day by hearing a loud tramping, and through the clouds of dust kicked up they discovered a herd of buffalo making at a mad pace for the river. The animals appeared to be well nigh run down, but many of them were furious. As they came to the bank of the Yellowstone they plunged in pell-mell one on top of the other, and for a time it looked as though many of them would be killed, but nearly all got out unharmed. They had hardly reached the other side when a yelling, swearing crowd of white men and Indians came up on foam-covered horses. They paused here long enough to get refreshment, and then resumed the chase.

There were four or five hundred buffaloes in the herd, and they were making for British America as fast as their legs would carry them. From the hunters it was learned that the hunt began down in Dakota, on the Cannon Ball River, where not less than 5,000 of the animals were found grazing. A few of the men had followed them the entire distance, but although the party that passed here numbered only thirty, its members estimated that from first to last three or four hundred men had taken part in the slaughter. Some of the men who started out with the original party had remained behind at various points to secure the hides, and others, who only joined in for the sport, had dropped out after satisfying themselves with the chase. The rapidity with which these magnificent animals are slaughtered is shown by the fact that the hunters passing through here said they would have the hides of the remnant of the herd before reaching the boundary line.

Probably this is one of the last big buffalo hunts that will ever occur in this country. The Indian, now that he is assured of enough to eat at the agencies, is as reckless in his slaughter of the bison as the white man. He seems to consider the game as nearly extinct, and he goes in recklessly with the idea of having all the sport he can before the end is reached. The wanton destruction of this herd has caused great indignation throughout the entire section traversed, but as it seems to be the policy to exterminate the bison nothing will be done about it.

### Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kent—ss.  
At a session of the probate court for the county of Kent, holden at the Probate office in the city of Grand Rapids, on Tuesday, the ninth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Present, CYRUS E. PERKINS,

Judge of Probate.  
In the matter of the estate of Anna B. Barnard, (now Goodman) William V. V. Barnard, Harry B. Barnard, Florence Barnard and Maude Barnard, minors.

On reading and filing the fifth account, duly verified, of Robert A. Barnard, guardian of said minors, wherein he tenders the resignation of his trust as guardian of said Anna B. Barnard (now Goodman).  
Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the fifth day of January next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing, examination and allowance of said accounts, and that the next of kin of said minors and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be allowed and said resignation be accepted. And it is further ordered, That said guardian give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account and the hearing and examination of said account by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Grand Rapids MORNING TELEGRAM, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent, three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing.

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